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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-661-A)

In re Application of:	)	
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Chad A. Mirkin, et al.	)	Examiner: T. Strzelecka
	)	
Serial No. 10/034,451	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
	)	
Filed: December 28, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 9317
	)	
For: NON-ALLOYING CORE	)	
SHELL NANOPARTICLES	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and response to the Office action dated June 17, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend the application as shown below.